GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO PAK PEACE TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have resumed peace talks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the issues discussed/likely to be discussed therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) The Fifth Round of the Composite Dialogue was launched on 21st July 2008 in New Delhi by the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan with discussions on peace and security, including confidence building measures, and Jammu & Kashmir. During Prime Minister's meeting with the President of Pakistan in New York on 24 September 2008, it was decided that the Foreign Secretaries of both countries will schedule meetings of the Fifth Round of the Composite Dialogue in the next three months which will focus on deliverables and concrete achievements. Dates for the meetings are being worked out through diplomatic channels. The Composite Dialogue meetings will comprise of Secretary level talks on Terrorism and Drug Trafficking, Siachen, Economic and Commercial Cooperation, Tulbul Navigation Project, Promotion of Friendly Exchanges and Sir Creek (at Surveyor General level).